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Dear John,

Re: PTA Issues Notifications

Transport Forum (TF) disagrees with the PTA Issue Notifications. As a member based organization, it has been difficult in getting relevant feedback in the required time frame. However, TF will generally argue within the following parameters:

Administration.

- Administration element should recover all the costs associated with the office administration associated with running the business
- Lack of comprehensiveness of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) study
- Historical factors
- The need to argue line by line as costs have escalated over the past three or so years
- Documentary evidence from contractors to support TF figures

Air Conditioning.

- Historical factors
- Negotiations stalling (pre contract signing) and getting assurances from the then Director of School Bus Reform and the numerous PTA promises made since then.
- Decisions made in the contract negotiations based on the basic lack of information/data
- Data from air conditioning specialists
- Documentary evidence provided by TF members

Ancillary Issues.

- Definition of Issue as detailed in Schedule 5
- Definition of Issue Notification as detailed in Schedule 5
- Competition Policy while most important may be beyond the scope of the Review Committee and to be argued in a different and higher forum
- Historical factors

Garaging.

- Garaging is a legitimate cost
- Historical factors
- Documentary evidence from contractors and councils
- Comparisons with regular RPT fleets in Perth need to be treated with caution when considering school bus operations particularly in remote and rural Western Australia

Repairs and Maintenance.

- Flaws in PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) research and analysis
- Data from major bus suppliers and body builders
- Documentary evidence from TF members
- Lack of research with Unsealed Road Running

The above list will provide the basis of our arguments. There will be sub issues within the above that will come to light as the arguments are progressed.

Yours sincerely,



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